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JJ's BBQ of Elba claims "Bama's Best Pulled Pork" title

by Marlee Moore,
Ala. Farmers Federation

Chequita Walker takes a simple approach to pork preparation — a move that helped the subtly smoked swine at JJ's BBQ in Elba clinch the title of Bama's Best Pulled Pork.

"The recipes aren't a big secret, but I'm not telling every body," Walker said with a smile. "Texture matters. If the pork is cooked right, it falls apart."

Sponsored by the Alabama Pork Producers, the Bama's Best Pulled Pork contest scoured the state for hometown restaurants paying homage to barbecue. JJ's BBQ serves slow-smoked pork shoulder infused with hints of hickory, oak and pecan. The tender meat is then mixed with burnt ends that crackle and melt when diners bite into the 'que, particularly when it's served on a sandwich or piled on a baked po-

tato.

JJ's BBQ was one of four restaurants judges visited July 15-16. The Bama's Best Pulled Pork Final Four was selected from over 100 nominations on Facebook and scored over 2,000 votes.

"If I can take a good piece of pork and enhance it with sauce, that's good," said contest judge Josh Tubbs, a pig farmer from Walker County.

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"If I can take a good piece of pork and enhance it with sauce, that's good," he said. "If the sauce doesn't take away from the flavor, that's even better. JJ's was the best of both worlds."

Durrance said it was impressive to see communities rally around the Bama's Best Pulled Pork finalists.

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JJ's BBQ in Elba won Bama's Best Pulled Pork contest, sponsored by the Alabama Pork Producers. From left are JJ's BBQ owner Chequita Walker with contest judges Russ Durrance, Josh Tubbs and Mary Wilson.

While Town of New Brockton has a council seat being contested Mayor only contested race for Elba's municipal election

Tuesday, July 21, at 5 p.m. was the last day for qualifying to run for municipal office in Alabama for the Aug. 25th elections.

In Elba, there will be only one contested municipal race this year — the office of mayor has three candidates qualified to run for that office. Each of the five city

council district seats in Elba only had one person to qualify for that seat, and all but one of those is the incumbent [District One council member Johnathan Luckett will be running for his first full term on the council as he was recently appointed to complete the current term vacated by Rolanda Jones

earlier this year].

The qualified candidates for Elba's municipal election are as follows:

Elba

Office of Mayor

~ Tim Johnson

~ Tom Maddox

~ Chelsea Cooper

City Council, District 1

~ Johnathan Lockett

City Council, District 2

~ Gappa Wise

City Council, District 3

~ Jana Brunson

City Council, District 4

~ Bryan Grimes

City Council, District 5

~ Aubrey Ray Williams

In New Brockton, only the District 4 council seat will be contested this municipal election cycle, and one council spot had no one to qualify for that seat. In the District 4 council race, incumbent Courtney Campbell will be challenged by Phillip Todd Askins for that

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Community Workday planned for Saturday, July 25th, in Elba's District One community

There will be a District One Community Workday this Saturday, July 25, beginning at 8 a.m. in Elba.

This workday event was organized by Johnathan Lockett, Elba City Councilperson for District One. Food will be provided for all participants at 12 noon after all have completed work in their assigned areas. Lunch and celebration of the accomplishments will be held on Jackson Street at Evangelist Temple Church.

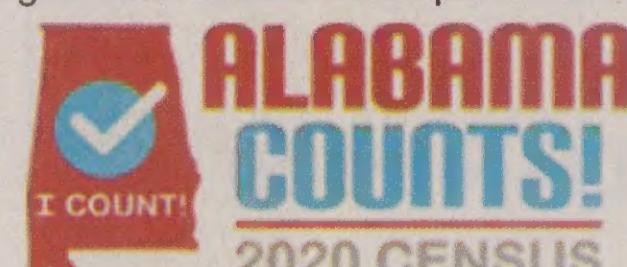
"We will be working on 11 streets and in the Mulberry Heights park area," Lockett said. "We are so excited!"

Additional sponsors and partners for this workday include: Mayor Mickey Murdock

All volunteers are welcome!

Governor encourages Alabamians to complete the 2020 Census report

by Linda Hodge, Editor



A press summit held Tuesday morning, July 21, featured Alabama Governor Kay Ivey and others urging citizens to complete their Census 2020 report.

"The 2020 Census is critical to our state," Governor Ivey said. "At current response numbers we remain at serious risk of losing [legislative] representation and federal funding."

The governor said statewide, Alabama currently has a 59.8 percent response rate for the self-report time of the 2020 Census. She said that is two percentage points behind

the national response rate. "We can and must do better," Ivey said. "Sixty percent just won't get it! There is still time to self-report."

She said losing federal funding could mean less money for schools, roads, and other federally funded programs the state and its people currently have in place.

Kenneth Boswell,

chairman of the Alabama

Counts! 2020 census

committee, said everyone

realizes the COVID-19

pandemic had

overshadowed the focus on

the Census this year, but he

said there needs to be a

continued push now to be

sure Alabamians are

completing and returning

their Census information.

"We are making a push now because this Census information will impact us for the next 10 years,"

Boswell said. "Right now,

we would lose one, if not

two, representatives at the federal level for our state with the current response."

Marilyn Stephens, the assistant regional manager for the Census Bureau's Atlanta Region, said Alabama is leading many states in the region with response, but there is still room to improve the numbers before Census workers are asked to start making door-to-door contacts.

On Aug. 11th we will start knocking on doors to get the Census questionnaire completed," Stephens said. "Today, however, is the day to respond and complete the questionnaire ahead of time to prevent that knock at your door."

Ivey said Census workers going door-to-door beginning Aug. 11th would play an important role in helping Alabama maintain its federal funding and representation. She said these workers would help increase the state's overall census reporting numbers.

For instance, the governor said in 2010 the self-report rate for Alabama was 62.5 percent, and that percentage increased to a

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DAMAGE AT CHRISTIAN MISSION BUILDING..Just after 6:30 a.m. Friday morning, July 17, this shattered window at the Christian Mission Center in Elba was discovered. The shattered glass was on the Buford Street entrance to the building. It was reported as a criminal mischief event, but indications were that no one really had any idea on the who and why this glass was broken. Also, nothing appeared to be missing from the store, but it left quite a mess for employees to clean up.

Masks required to enter Coffee County buildings
Pursuant to the statewide order issued by Governor Kay Ivey, masks will be required for entry to all Coffee County buildings beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Please note that access to County offices remains limited based on the capacity that can be safely served while observing social distancing protocols. All persons waiting to enter an office will still be required to wait outside of the building and remain six feet apart.

Anyone entering a County building may be subject to a temperature check.

All County Senior Centers will continue to



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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves." — Abraham Lincoln

It had not crossed our mind until lately, but those who have personally faced the fight against 'the bug' may now face the stigma that was faced by Ebola virus survivors and to a far lesser degree even today, cancer survivors. So, we each should make it a point not to unconsciously sway away from associating with those who have suffered the pains of COVID-19 and lived to tell about it. The price they paid is high enough without (former) friends acting like they are still walking around spreading a highly contagious and deadly disease.

Kill the messenger! That is what might describe the attitude in Washington as the administration is critical of all the medical experts and tend to deny the current rise in confirmed cases of COVID-19 and the alarming increase in deaths from the virus. To encourage a cutback in testing, etc., because indications of increased infections might make some officials look bad, sounds horrible to this old country boy. Nothing we can think of in this whole wide world is worth sacrificing one single human life for political gain.

US gun sales have surged in 2020. The experts are noting that 40% are first-time firearm owners. Many of these are women who are concerned about their own safety. During this same time background checks are up a whopping 136%, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation. The good thing are that a large number of these new gun owners are also signing up for training classes on how to use the weapon and the related safety practices associated with handling a loaded firearm. We have heard entirely too many people admit to owning a pistol "but I don't know how to use it." Frankly, we think that is more dangerous than not even having the weapon!

Don Siegelman's book 'Stealing Our Democracy' has apparently been sliding off (if not flying off) the shelves following its official release by NewSouth Books. Amazon started taking pre-orders several months ahead of the release but then delayed shipping several weeks because of the surge in their pandemic related sales. Somewhere along the way there was a minor price reduction and us pre-order folks got a few pennies refunded! That was a surprise, but personally we didn't decline the refund to our credit card account. Anyway, we were familiar with much of the information in the book, but with so many blanks the book filled in for us made the reading worth the time.

Someone sitting at home in pandemic isolation was thinking positive when remembering that the pretty maiden Rapunzel met her lover while confined in that high old tower in the forest. Of course, the latest version of Rapunzel is the Disney movie, but variations of the plot date back to at least the 1600's. The Disney character follows the 1812 German version (which was adapted from a 1790 German version). Several other writers modified the original 1634 Italian tale. Today isolation has not lasted quite long enough for a maiden's hair to grow as long as Rapunzel's, but hopefully the current outcome will end as did this fairy tale with all living happily ever after.

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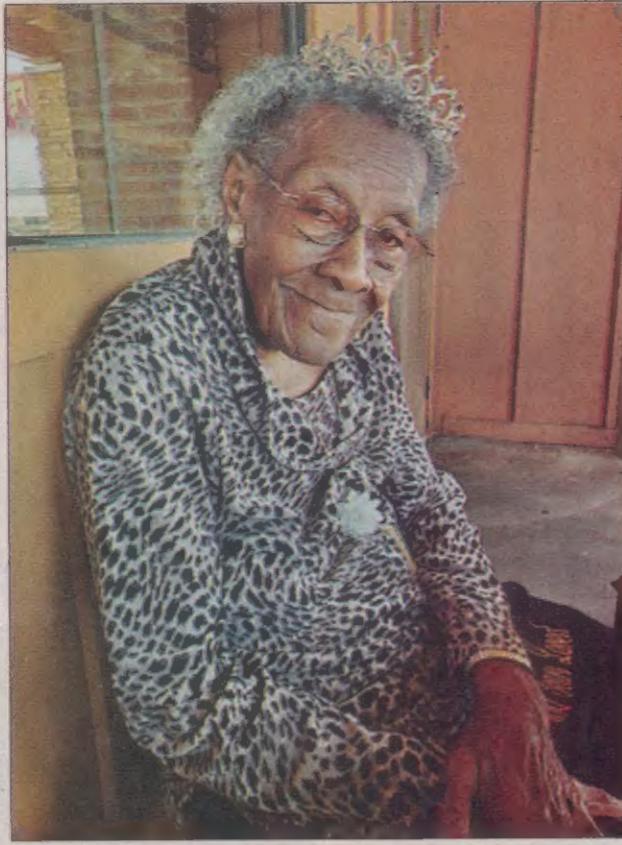
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Happy 100th Mother Smith!

by Lois G. Russell

On Saturday, July 11, 2020, my childhood neighborhood in Elba, Alabama, celebrated a milestone: the 100th birthday of a woman who is affectionately known as "Mother Smith."

A celebratory convoy of cars lined up for a birthday parade in her honor. The lineup included several generations of family and friends who waved and blew their horns in tribute to a woman who had touched countless lives and hearts.

Mary Liza Smith, whose actual birth date was July 13, is something of an icon in the Mulberry Heights community. Having grown up there, I remember her as one of the people whose presence was larger than life.

She and her husband, Otis, raised seven children in their home that was centrally located in the neighborhood. She not only nurtured and watched over her own children, but like so many of the women in Mulberry Heights at that time, she also had a hand in helping to "raise" most of us who were blessed to grow up in The Heights.

Mother Smith was one of the self-appointed sentinels who would stop the children of my generation as we passed her house and ask, "Does your Mama know where you are?"

Even though we might have resented those mini interrogations back then, we can appreciate now how women like her helped to keep us safe.

I always think of her with great fondness.

Actually, if you have ever known Mother Smith, you would probably find it very

"Well, isn't that something? I never saw anything like it before," she said as she beamed that beautiful smile.

She watched until the blades stopped spinning. Her face grew solemn, and she seemed to be lost in thought for a moment. When she spoke again, she gave me a few words of wisdom that we all would do well to follow as we face the current global pandemic.

"You know, these are some perilous times we're living in. We need to pray and get closer to God. He's going to bring us through this. Yes, He is."

Thank you, Beautiful Angel, for your wisdom and your smiles.

Happy 100th Birthday, Mother Mary Liza Smith.



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Mary Smith celebrates 100 years!

Mary Liza Phillips Smith (pictured, left) celebrated her 100th Birthday with a theme of 100 Years Loved on Saturday, July 11, 2020, with a small group of family, friends and church family.

Those in attendance were served an array of catered foods. The birthday queen started her day with a drive by parade from friends and family and ended with a beautiful party. She is a long-time resident of Elba coming to the city with a growing family from Barbour County, Ala. She worked for Dr. Hayes, Kleinerts and Con Agra Foods for many years of her life.

Upon retirement, she was a foster parent for many years. She served as a foster grandparent well into her retirement years. She is a devoted church mother of Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C where Superintendent W.K. Ellison is the Pastor.

Her birthday celebration ended on her actual birthday, Monday, July 13, 2020, with a family-only luncheon at one of her favorite restaurants, Santa Fe.

Mary Liza Phillips Smith is the oldest living member of the Phillips family of Elba.

Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou yielded her spot this week for the celebration of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Mary Liza Phillips Smith! Happy Birthday to this special lady! Cuzin Lou Lou can only hope that Sister has to put up with Lou Lou's antics for that many years. Lou Lou will be back next week with a new tale!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, July 14, and Monday, July 20, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, JULY 14 - Animal complaint reported at 1254 Jones Circle (10:50 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (1:24 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Old Samson Rd (9:33 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1110 Caroline St (5:31 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date that resulted in a citation being issued.

FRIDAY, JULY 17 - Criminal mischief reported at the Christian Mission building (6:37 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 657 County Rd 407 (8:22 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1233 Farris Ave (5:34 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1110 Caroline St (6:09 p.m.); Shots fired reported on Lee St (7:16 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 667 Reynolds Ave (9:49 p.m.); Noise complaint on Ann St (11:31 p.m.); Noise complaint in area of Hickman Ave and Putnam St (11:36 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with one warning and one citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 - Suspicious person reported on Farris Ave (7:27 a.m.); Assault reported on Jackson St (7:52 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at the Dollar Tree on Farris Ave (8:56 a.m.); Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 1110 Caroline St (11:14 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 305 Old Samson Rd (1:03 p.m.); Animal complaint reported in area of Forest Ave and Brookdale (2:14 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Highland Dr (3:07 p.m.); Harassment reported at 667 Reynolds Ave (3:31 p.m.); Runaway juvenile reported on Simmons St (3:44 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Brookdale Ave (4:08 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reese Ave (6:57 p.m.); High speed chase reported on Hwy 203 (9:20 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on County Rd 404 (10:27 p.m.); Runaway juvenile reported at 1950 Reese Ave (10:50 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 18 - Domestic complaint reported at 664 Reynolds Ave (12:29 a.m.); Noise complaint reported in area of County Rd 401 and Hwy 87 (2:11 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Old Samson Rd (2:34 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Simmons St (1:05 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 2301 Hwy 166 (3:55 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (6:35 p.m.); Shots fired reported on Stoudemire St (8:46 p.m.); Shots fired reported on Reynolds Ave (10:01 p.m.). There were five traffic stops reported on this date resulting in four citations and one warning.

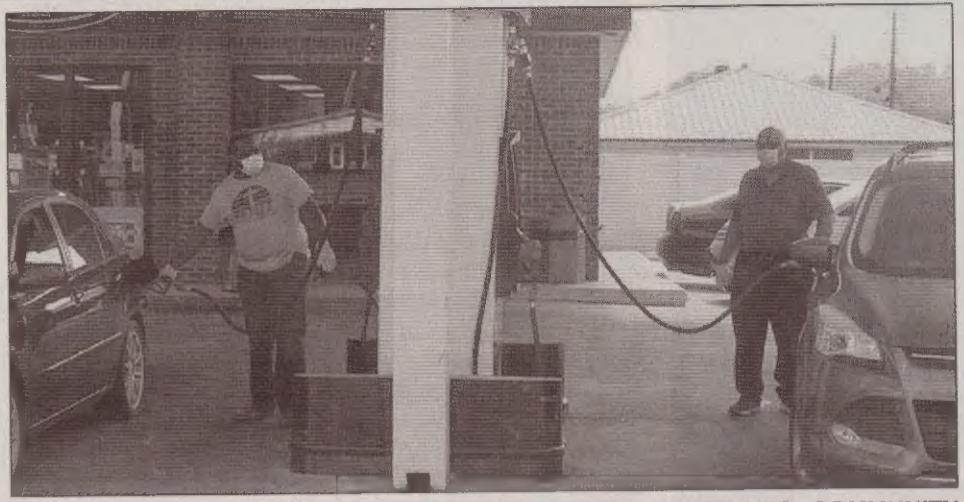
THURSDAY, JULY 16 - Traffic accident reported at 856 Herman Driggers Dr (1:38 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Edgewood Dr (1:26 p.m.); Shots fired reported on Reynolds Ave (1:30 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Hickman Ave (1:42 p.m.); Forgery reported at 839

SUNDAY, JULY 19 - Suspicious person reported in area of 322 Court Ave (8:06 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at the Dollar General store (9:07 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Simmons St (4:06 p.m.). There were six traffic stops reported on this date resulting in three citations and three warnings.

MONDAY, JULY 20 - Domestic complaint reported at 213 Adkinson Ave (12:01 a.m.); Fight reported at 1584 Caroline St (2:15 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 811 Buford St (7:18 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Gray St (8:20 a.m.); Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle reported at 550 County Rd 401 (11:09 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 706 Newton St (11:48 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 435 Newton St (3:40 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 342 N Court Ave (7:14 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1019 Sunset Blvd (9:34 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 344 Old Samson Rd (10:11 p.m.).

CHURCH NEWS

Please let us share your church news here! Due on Mondays!



HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CONTINUES COMMUNITY OUTREACH...The Harris Temple Church of God In Christ members in Elba were at the Marathon store [Mr. Henry's] in downtown Elba again last Saturday, July 18, giving away free gas to customers. This was the second time the church has provided free gas. On Saturday, 51 cars received \$10 of free gas, pumped by the church members. Above, Elder Johnathan Lockett (left) and Pastor W.K. Ellison are shown pumping gas last Saturday for two of the recipients. In total now during the COVID-19 pandemic, the church has given away \$10 of free gas to 131 cars [\$1,310] as part of its community outreach program.

Pastor's Corner

by Dr. John Granger, Director of Missions
COFFEE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Winners and Losers

Ray Charles popularized a song years ago, which was titled, "Born to Lose." The words of the song were along these lines:

*"Born to lose, I've lived my life in vain,
All my dreams have only brought me pain...
Born to lose, and now I'm losing you."*

It is understood that many people sang the song because they liked the tune, liked Ray Charles, or identified with some of the adversity mentioned in the song.

However, the concept of determinism in the song and the resultant pessimism are often encountered. Many people respond to adversity by capitulating their ability and right to overcome the hardship. They simply say, "It was meant to be."

The many injunctions in the Bible which urge us to endure hardship, overcome evil with good, and win personal moral, physical and spiritual victories cause one to doubt any complete determinism by God or the "fates."

The examples of people who got out of ruts of sin, wrong, and failure also contradict the idea that just because one was a loser yesterday, he must remain a loser. With faith in God, "...Nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Matthew 17:20b)

Experiences in life should teach us that we do have something to contribute to situations we face. It is a pitiful thing to see a young student fail a test and resign himself to the idea that he is a loser. It is heartbreaking to hear a capable child say, "Some people are meant to be smart and others aren't." On the other hand, it is inspiring to see a student who has not been doing well commit himself to be a diligent student.

The idea that what a person does has a direct bearing on his life situation is a concept that affects every area of life. More marriages would work if people worked more at their marriages. A promotion is more likely to come if an employee applies himself to his job. The applications are endless.

Does the attitude of being "born to win" or "born to lose" have much to do with success in life? It definitely does. It is not the only consideration for any given success story, but it is an element which must be "factored in."

The apostle Paul provided a good example of a person with the winning attitude when he declared he could do all things through Christ who gave him strength. (Phil. 4:23)

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Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:15 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD - PROPHETIC
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD - TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

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ELBA CHURCH OF GOD - FRIENDSHIP
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD - FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD - FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 5:30 p.m.
Thur. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD - FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
Bro. Billy Berry
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reaneau, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirlee Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MIT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Lester Flowers, Minister
Sunday School ... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA BAPT. CHURCH
Lowell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reaneau, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

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ODIST
Rev. Remond Smith
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2nd & 4th Sundays

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1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

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2nd & 4th Sundays

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH
Elba

Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Class ... 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lester Flowers, Minister
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH
John Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Service ... 7:00 p.m.

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Scripture: Rejoicing in answered prayer. Psalm 28: 1-9

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Estella Lawrence, Georgia Nelson, Emily Newman, Dea. J.L. and Estella Williams, Mary Sue Dawson, Betty Refreege, Joe Rudolph, Wesley J. Kelley, Eugene Nelson

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Curtis O. Kelley 7/13
Connie Bones 7/13
Jakori J. Warren 7/13
Brandon Wade 7/13
Rita Gray 7/13
Jimmie N. Smith 7/15
Brandy T. Kelley 7/17
Reginald and Priscilla Sanders 7/17 W.A.
Ida Martin 7/17
Christina Woods Timberlake 7/17
Tatianna Parker 7/18
Ella Noel Kelley 7/18
Frank Morris 7/18

AA/NA meetings

Encourage anyone who needs the meetings to attend. These meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba.

* To Be Continued

Many of us have become deeply involved in watching a television program, hardly aware of the passing of time. Just when it seems that we are reaching a pivotal moment in the action, the TV picture freezes, and at the bottom of the screen appear the words: To Be Continued. We realize, to our dismay, that we are going to have to wait another week to find out what happens.

As Jesus was dying on the cross, one of the statements He uttered was, "It is finished" [John 19:30], and certainly that was true in that He had paid the price "in full" for the sins of the world. But there was more to come. The resurrection of Jesus tells us that His death on the cross was not the conclusion of God's work. His plan was "to be continued" – and so it was three days later when Jesus arose. We are reminded that it is only when we look back at

the cross from the vantage point of the resurrection that the cross makes any sense at all. Few people doubt that Jesus died on the cross. Many doubt that He arose from the dead. It is amazing that those who doubt can see any value in Jesus, any helpful lessons from His teachings. But when you include, as you must, the resurrection then and only then does the story of Jesus become truly good news. Only then do we share in the victory that Jesus secured we realize that death is not the end for those who trust Jesus: Life is "to be continued" – with Him. ~ R.C.S.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 7/16/2020

Q: What did Paul suggest to Timothy for his frequent ailments? (wine), (honey), (wheat bread)

A: Paul suggested wine for Timothy's ailments [1 Timothy 5:23]

Q: From the book of Matthew, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring with it? (3) (2) (7) or (16)

A: The evil spirit brings 7 companions with it. [Matthew 12:45]

Thought to Remember

One person and God make a majority

Questions for the Week of 7/23/2020

Fill in the Blanks

Q: Lot fled from Sodom to _____.

Q: Hannah named her son _____.

Q: Jesus said, "To whom little is forgiven, the same loveth _____.

Today is a good day, be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service ... 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON

Terry McRae, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship ... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train ... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship ... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor

Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Tommy Green, Pastor

Sunday School ... 1

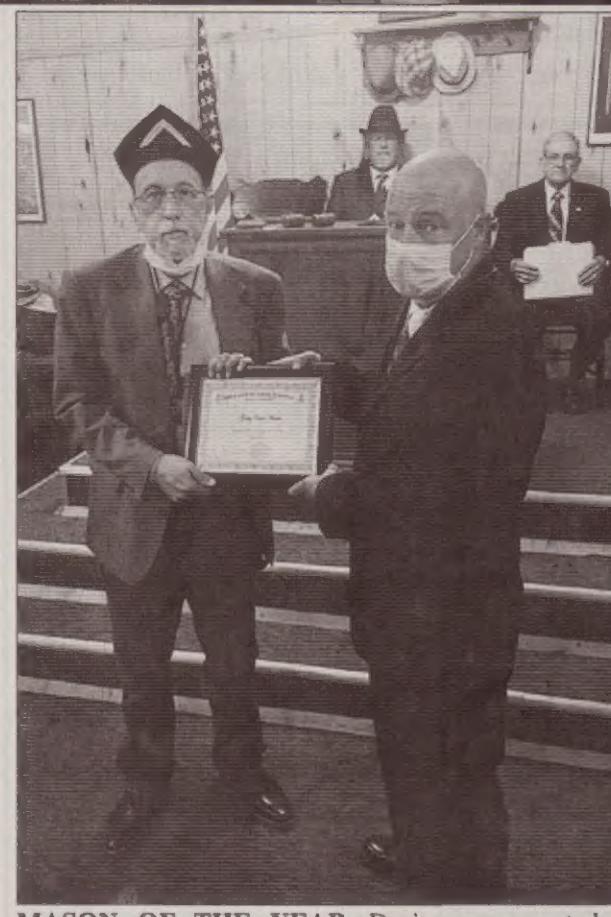
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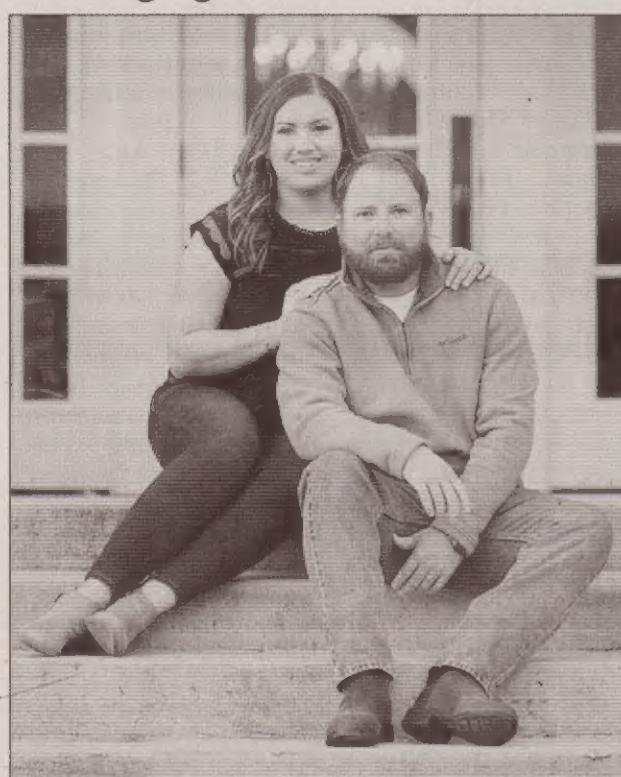
STATE FARM DONATES 'OODLES OF NOODLES' TO ELBA FOOD BANK...On Wednesday, July 15, Elba State Farm Office – Kenneth Calhoun, agent – donated hundreds of boxes of spaghetti noodles and macaroni and cheese to the Elba Food Bank. Calhoun said the State Farm Corporation wanted to do something to help communities during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the corporation asked local agencies to come up with a 'catchy phrase' to catch its attention for monies to be donated to that agency to give back to the community. Calhoun's office came up with the "Oodles of Noodles" phrase with the idea to donate noodles to the Elba Food Bank. Calhoun's local office added some additional funds to the monies provided to them from the State Farm Corporation, and the oodles of noodles were delivered last week to the Elba Food Bank (as shown above). Those pictured include: Ray Goodson, Elba Food Bank volunteer; Chelsea Cooper, State Farm employee with the Kenneth Calhoun office; State Farm Agent Kenneth Calhoun; Brewer Box, Elba Food Bank volunteer; and Tommy Grimes, Elba Food Bank volunteer.



MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLED...At a special event held Saturday night, July 18, at the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, 2020 officers were installed. The installation of officers was conducted by Past Grand Master Brother Jamie Smith and District Lecture Brother Billy Wilkerson. The 2020 officers include: (front, left to right) Senior Warden Wendell Merrell Black, Marshal Michael David Amison, Tiler Bert Arthur Burril, Historian Paul Junior Adams, and Secretary William Harry Young; (back, left to right) Junior Steward Gary Carl Meeks, Worshipful Master Edward Lamar Kelley Jr., Senior Steward Dorman Jerell Richards, Junior Warden Drexell Wesley Richards, and Senior Deacon Joel Elbert Moore. The Elba Masonic Lodge is located on Larkin Road.



MASON OF THE YEAR...During an event held Saturday, July 18, at the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, Brother Gary Carl Meeks (right) was awarded the 2020 Elba Masonic Lodge #170 "Mason of the Year" award. The award was presented by Worshipful Master Edward Lamar Kelley Jr.



Miss Claire Bailey and Mr. Brock Lambert

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Joe and Julie Bailey of Pensacola, Florida, Nan Roth of Jack, Alabama, and Marjorie and the late Hubert Phillips of Arton, Alabama.

Claire is a 2012 graduate of New Brockton High School. She received her Bachelor's degree in early childhood education with a concentration in early childhood development from the University of Alabama in 2015 and her Master's degree in early childhood education from the University of West Alabama in 2017. She was a member of the Delta Gamma Fraternity.

Claire is a kindergarten teacher at Elba Elementary School in Elba, Alabama.

The future groom is the grandson of Harley Green.

Brock is a 2010 graduate

of Elba High School, and he received his certificate in welding from Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in 2013.

Brock is self-employed.

The wedding will be Saturday, September 26, 2020,

at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at The Emporium in Troy, Alabama.

Come and Meet Elba Mayoral Candidate Tim Johnson

**"Meet and Greet" Event
Thursday, July 23, 2020**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Parking Lot next to LillieAnne's
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Pd Pol Adv Tim Johnson Mayoral Campaign Committee, PO Box 447, Elba, AL 36323

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50-YEAR PIN...During an event held Saturday, July 18, at the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, Allen Rendall Rainey received his 50-Year Pin from Brother Paul Adams and Brother Coley Andress. Above, Rainey is being pinned by his son, David Rainey.

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Part-time Recreation Program Coordinator

The City of Elba is now accepting applications for the part-time position (19 hours per week) of Recreation Program Coordinator.

Opening Date: Immediately Closing Date: July 27, 2020

Job Summary: The coordinator assists the recreation director in administering prescribed programs, services, facilities, and/or events. This includes promoting programs and booking facilities for various uses such as birthday parties, family reunions, etc. Prepares and monitors registration information for various programs and provides frequent updates. Maintains positive relationships while working openly and professionally with citizens and participants. **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:** Administrative skills for support staff and instructors. Knowledge and experience in Microsoft Office applications. **Salary:** \$9.00 per hour.

Benefits: This is a part-time position and no benefits are offered.

Applications are available at:

City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL or online at www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities. All applications should be submitted to Elba City Hall or may be emailed to info@elbaal.gov with the subject line "Recreation Coordinator."



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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Natasha Lee Brown, Personal Representative on the 30th day of June, 2020, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Judge of Probate
7/9,16&23-pd

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

McClain Contracting Company, Inc. has completed the contract requirements for

City of Elba Site Im-

provements for Hawkins

Williams Park LWCF

Project No. 17-LW-1047.

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PROJECT SHOULD NO-

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Solutions, 201 E. Troy

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Elba, 200 Buford Street,

Elba, Alabama;

334.897.2333.

Contractor Contact:

McClain Contracting Com-

pany, Inc.

105 Choctaw Street

Andalusia, AL 36420

7/9,16,23,&30-chg.

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made

in the payment of the in-

debtedness secured by that

certain mortgage and secu-

rity agreement executed by

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married couple, on the 14th

day of April 2014, to

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PORATION, as recorded in

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bate Judge of Coffee

County, Alabama;

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by reason of such default

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Elba Housing Authority says landlords needed for local Section 8 housing program

The Elba Housing Authority is currently searching for landlords in Elba and the surrounding area.

Because of an inadequate number of suitable houses on the program, approximately 20 families or individuals who have been qualified for the program are still searching for a place to live at any given time.

"The problem is due in part to a loss of housing inventory in the 2015 Christmas Flood and part due to some common misconceptions about the program that have scared away some potential landlords," said Elba Housing Authority executive

director, Laurie Chapman.

Most of these myths are associated with the following:

- Geography: Elba Housing Authority is allocated 119 Section 8 vouchers for use within Elba but they also they can go up to 15 miles outside the Elba Police Jurisdiction signs.

- Paperwork: There is less paperwork than most landlords anticipate and most of it is prepared by the Elba Housing Authority staff.

- Inspections: The Elba Housing Authority does a basic inspection of rental property on the front end to make sure it meets HUD's

Housing Quality Standards, but it primarily addresses common-sense safety and code issues. If deficiencies are discovered, landlords are given the opportunity to fix those, or they can simply withdraw the property from the program.

- Leases: The Section 8 program requires a separate agreement between the Housing Authority and the landlord related to terms of the program, but for the most part it stays out of leases between landlords and the tenants, although they do ensure that there is no discrimination in renting.

- Rent: The program does not set the rent and only requires that it and any security

deposits be "fair and reasonable" based on local experiences. Once the rent is set, Section 8 requires that families pay up to 30% of their income toward rent and housing expenses, and the housing authority pays the rest directly to the landlord.

- Enforcement: One misconception is that landlords cannot enforce the terms of their leases. If a tenant violates the lease, the Housing Authority does not stand in the way of enforcement.

- Units: Section 8 vouchers can be used to rent apartments, single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes, mobile homes, townhouses and condos.

- Screening: The Housing Authority verifies income and does a criminal background check (although only certain convictions disqualify a tenant) on all applicants. Any other screenings (such as eviction and credit history) are not only the landlord's right but also their responsibility.

- Benefits for Landlords: The Housing Authority's portion of the rent is guaranteed each month.

A tenant's fear of losing their Section 8 voucher helps hold them accountable to lease obligations, such as prompt payment and taking care of the property.

The program can help landlords identify tenants.

If interested in being a Section 8 voucher holder, stop by the Elba Housing Authority Office located at 1207 North Claxton Avenue to get an application and to schedule an interview for admission to the program. The Elba Housing Authority is in the process of updating its website and hopes to have the ability to apply online added in the near future. Check on that by visiting www.elbahousing.org.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

(Continued from Page 6)

IN THE MATTER OF RANDY RUDOLPH EDWARDS,
Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2020-033

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Ronnie Joe Edwards on the 30th day of June, 2020 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 30th day of June 2020.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge

7/9/16&23-pd

IN THE MATTER OF EMMA REBECCA HOLLEY,
Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2020-013

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Carla Jones Walker, Personal Representative on the 16th day of July, 2020, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 30th day of June 2020.

/s/ MICHAEL KEITH LINGO

Personal Representative
7/9/16&23-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO. PC 2017-019

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Timeka Shaw, Personal Representative on the 16th day of July, 2020, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson,
Judge of Probate

7/23/20&8/6-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2020-013

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

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/s/ MICHAEL KEITH LINGO

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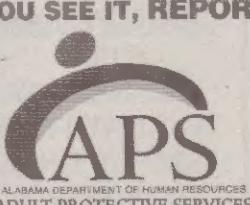
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Coffee County Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Coffee County Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.00 lunch costs \$2.25. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from Alabama SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Alabama TANF, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children who are directly certified are eligible to receive free meals.
- When known to Coffee County Schools, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals based on their participation (or a household member's participation) in the: o Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.
- When known to Coffee County Schools, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, as defined by law. Children are determined Other Source Categorically Eligible if they are: Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, A foster child, or Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program (see: SP 40-2013: Q&As Regarding the Participation of Head Start Programs in Child Nutrition Programs, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/qas-regarding-participation-head-start-programs-child-nutrition-programs-0>).

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES 2020-2021

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR FREE MEALS/MILK			HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS/MILK				
	PER YEAR	PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS		PER YEAR	PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS		
1	16,588	1,383	638	319	1	23,606	1,968	908	454
2	22,412	1,868	862	431	2	31,894	2,658	1,227	614
3	28,236	2,353	1,086	543	3	40,182	3,349	1,546	773
4	34,060	2,839	1,310	655	4	48,470	4,040	1,865	933
5	39,884	3,324	1,534	767	5	56,758	4,730	2,183	1,092
6	45,708	3,809	1,758	879	6	65,046	5,421	2,502	1,251
7	51,532	4,295	1,982	991	7	73,334	6,112	2,821	1,411
8	57,356	4,780	2,206	1,103	8	81,622	6,802	3,140	1,570

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2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail your child's school.

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to your child's school.

4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact your child's school immediately.

5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? No, an online application is not available at this time.

6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through September 21, 2020. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.

8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. In accordance with program regulations school officials will be verifying the income of some households at some time during the school year. Selected households will be requested to provide income documentation in order to continue receiving free and reduced-price meals.

9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Kevin Killingsworth, 334-897-5106, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323, killingsworth@coffee.k12.al.us.

11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

14. DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER? Only the last 4 digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is required.

15. MAY I DECLINE BENEFITS? Yes. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact Coffee County Schools or the school the child attends if they choose to decline the free meal benefits.

16. WHAT IF ALL CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS ARE NOT ON THE NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY LETTER? If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.

17. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson has spent the summer in the pool and at various water parks around the area. So, last week his Nanny and I went over to the Bama Slam Park near New Brockton and watched him do his thing on slides, swings, a water trampoline and diving platforms. He had a ball, as did everyone there, and I was very impressed with the number of lifeguards on duty to insure the safety of everyone in the water. It is a great place to take the family, and is one of Lawson's favorites!

For what it is worth....

*** **The official kickoff of preseason football** workouts begins next week and here in Elba new coach Marc Sieving and his staff and players and ready to get to work. The players and coaches have been hard at work all summer getting to know each other and installing a new scheme on offense and defense, and they are ready to strap on the pads and get to work with the season less than a month away. While the numbers may be down slightly, the enthusiasm is still there, and all Elba Tiger fans have July 27 circled on their calendars as opening night. Hey, even at my age I still get excited about the start of the season and am ready to see Coach Sieving and his team hit the field.

*** **Excitement is high** all across the state and local area, with every team chewing at the bits to get on the field in pads. Over at New Brockton, the Gamecocks are looking forward to competing in Class 3A and facing new opponents with a renewed confidence, while down in Kinston, Coach Rudy Free is in his second year with the Bulldogs and has everyone convinced better days are ahead as they battle for a return to the playoffs. Up in Zion Chapel, the Rebels are still 2A, but find themselves in a new region, and are convinced that their recent success on the gridiron will continue, and over at Brantley, the Bulldogs are ready to get back to work and believe that they will add another state championship trophy to the trophy case with one of its best teams ever.

*** **National Federation of High Schools** executive director Dr. Karissa Niehoff wrote in a column last week that although there were places in the nation where there was a high rate of COVID-19 that could result in the delay of students returning to classes and extra-curricular activities, she believed "the resumption of in-person classes, sports and other activities is crucial to the growth, development and mental and emotional wellness of our nation's youth." She admitted that while the pandemic was far from over, a return to play must be done with a positive and informed perspective to keep the programs going. I agree. COVID-19 will be around for a while, but it isn't going to just disappear and we all need to learn to live with it and make adjustments.

*** **The area sports scene lost a true friend** last week with the passing of Ralph Black, the longtime radio voice of the Troy Trojans with one of the most recognizable voices on the radio. Black was there for some of the biggest moments in Trojan history in football, basketball and baseball, and in recent years hosted a weekly coaches show on a Troy radio station and was the PA announcer at Charles Henderson High football games. His love for people and sports was always evident in the job he did, and it will never be the same without 'Mister Ralph' talking about sports and high school football.

*** **USA Today published its annual survey** of collegiate athletics finances last week and the biggest thing the survey revealed is simply that the rich are only getting richer! The pre-pandemic report was based upon figures for 2018-2019, and atop the list once again was Texas, with a revenue of \$223.9 million, followed by Texas A & M with \$212.7 million in total athletic revenue. Alabama came in at #7 with a revenue of \$164.1, which was down from the year before due to the fact university accountants deferred over \$25 million in revenue to 2020 to help with tax laws. Auburn was ranked 13th with \$152.4 million, while the other SEC schools in the Top 10 included #5 Georgia \$174 million, #9 Florida \$159.7 million and #10 LSU \$157.7 million. Other state schools in the list included #86 UAB \$36.4 million, #104 Troy \$32.3 million, #154 Jacksonville State \$18.4 million and #193 Alabama State \$13.4 million. There is no doubt college sports is a big business!

*** **A report last week by the NCAA's Sports Science Institute** seemed to do little more than give the nation's colleges a built in excuse not to play football this fall. The report stated that data pointed in the wrong direction where COVID-19 is concerned and showed in charts how the pandemic is actually worse than it was back in the spring when the NCAA basketball tournament and all spring sports were shut down. The report used numbers that are disputed by many in the science field to show the rate the virus is expanding, and if the NCAA goes by the numbers, and nothing else, it will be interesting in a couple of weeks when the NCAA makes a final decision. My gut feeling isn't good, but I still have high hopes that a season will be played.

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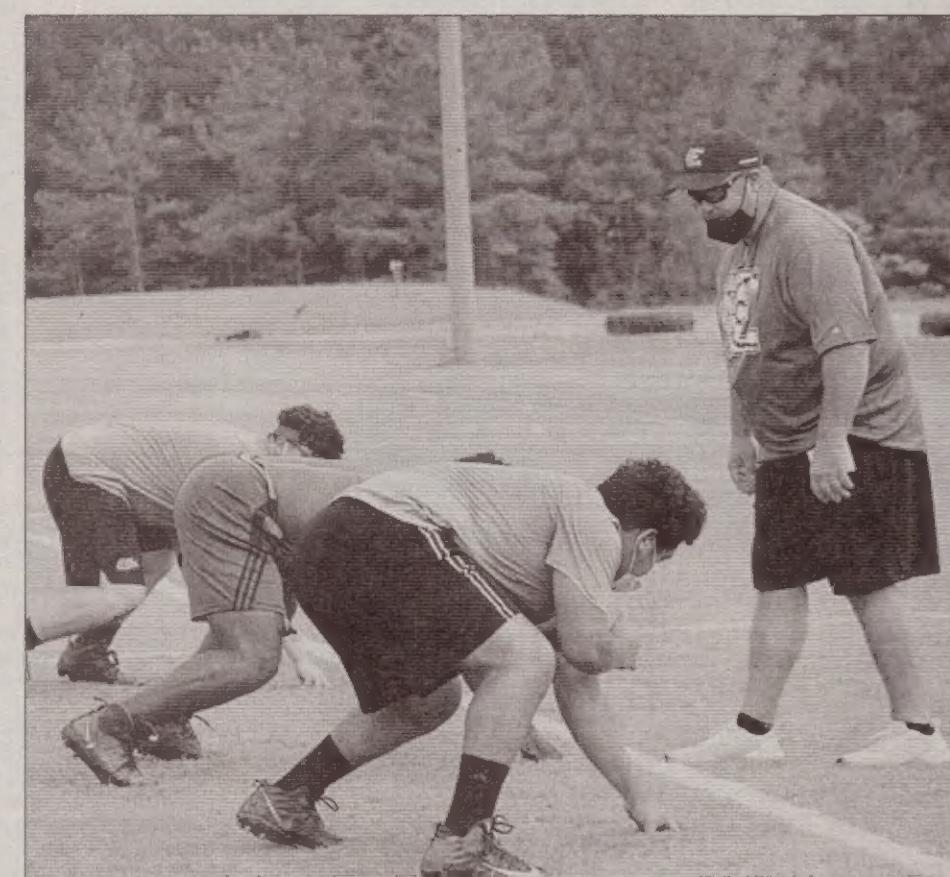
Official opening of drills July 27 Tigers are ready to hear pads popping

The Elba Tigers are less than a week away from the official start of preseason football practice and new head coach Marc Sieving stated last week that the players and coaches are excited and are ready to go.

"We are all excited about the beginning of fall drills and can now look ahead at the calendar and see that the season starts in less than a month," said Coach Sieving. "We have accomplished a lot during the summer and feel really good about where we are, but there is only so much you can get done in shorts and it is time to put on the pads and get to work."

"One of the best things about the weeks of summer work is that I got to know all the players, now have expectations of what they can do and along with the coaches have been able to develop a plan for going forward," added Sieving. "On July 27 we will officially begin fall workouts, which means we will be out in shorts for three days and shells for one day before we put on the pads. Once we get on the pads we will be able to find out if the guys that blocked bags in the summer can block a real person and find out just who are really football players. During the summer we were able to get everyone lined up and found positions for the players on both offense and defense. Now it will be time to start hitting and to find out if we made the best choices, and of course make personnel changes. We still have a lot of work to do before the season kicks off, but we have had a really good summer and are looking forward to getting down to real work."

"When we come back next week we will try to make it as similar to a typi-



Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving works with linemen during a recent summer workout. The Tigers will kickoff the official start of preseason practice on July 27, with the season opener on Aug. 21.

cal school day as possible," added Sieving. "We will start practice at four o'clock, will work in the weight room, watch some film and hit the field. Hopefully it won't be quite so hot by that time and we will stay out until about seven. There will be a lot of individual work with all the players with their position coaches and of course a lot of work on knowing for sure we understand our offense and defense. We believe we got in about ninety percent of our offense and defense during the summer and that the players understand what we are trying to do, but you never really know until the pads come on. Our priority this week will be to block, get proper spacing and have everyone doing their job, and on defense the priority will be tackling. Basics and fundamentals are always a priority."

Coach Sieving reported that the Tigers have 32 players on the varsity squad, and while the numbers are down a little from years past, all the players have been consistent at attending practice and getting in the work needed during the summer.

"We know the numbers are down a little," added Sieving, "and with the way the last school year ended that is to be expected, but we have our team and will play with what we have. The lack of depth will make it more important than ever

that everyone be in the best condition possible. We will have players going both ways, and playing on special teams, and that means they have to be in shape, not just in the weight room, but in the heat on the football field. We'll get everyone a break when we get the chance, but we know that there will be times when the best eleven players have to be on the field, and be ready to give their best. It will be a challenge for sure, but it is a challenge I believe our players will accept and will achieve."

Coach Sieving said the Tigers will hold a scrimmage on the evening of August 7, at Tiger Stadium, for the fans to get the chance to see their team on the field and get to know the players and coaches.



Elba Lady Tiger volleyball coach Caiden Harrell is ready for tryouts on July 27.

Volleyball tryouts set for July 27 in Elba

Elba High students hoping to become Lady Tigers for the 2020 high school volleyball season have been hard at work for a number of weeks and Coach Caiden Harrell reports everyone has been working hard and expectations are high.

"We have been working out and practicing on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays," said Coach Harrell, "and we have been doing drills during each practice to focus on individ-

ual volleyball skills. We have also been working hard in the weight room and have done cardio and conditioning work on Wednesdays and have been using the football stadium to run steps, as well as running one mile every Wednesday. I have definitely seen improvement in the girls that have been coming to the workouts. We haven't had team tryouts yet due to state guidelines, but have them scheduled for next week



AND THE WINNERS WERE.... The team of (l-r) Chris Moseley, Chase Rogers and Tanner Skinner won last week's Elba High School Benefit Golf Tournament, but the real winner was Elba High School, which will receive over \$5,000 in funds from the annual event held at the Elba Country Club.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Football and Cheer Registration Underway for Elba Youth Sports

The Elba Parks and Recreation announced that Youth Football and Cheer Registration would continue through July 31st for children ages 7-12. The fees are suspended until Sept. 1st.

Anyone interested in signing their child up for football and cheer with the Elba Parks and Recreation is encouraged to call the office at (334) 897-6833 before Friday, July 31st.

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SPORTS NEWS



In 'Centennial' season

Elba Tigers face seven new opponents

The Elba Tigers will make the jump back into Class 2A this season after two years in the 1A ranks, but will move into unfamiliar territory as a member of Region 2, and will face a schedule that includes only three teams that were on the schedule a year ago.

The schedule starts off with a bang for the Tigers, as in the opening six weeks they must take the field against a trio of 3A opponents and two region foes that both advanced to the playoffs last season in 2A.

Following is a preview of this year's schedule:

August 21 – Daleville

Aug. 21	Daleville
Aug. 28	at, Opp
Sept. 4	at, G.W. Long *
Sept. 11	Zion Chapel *
Sept. 18	at, Cottonwood *
Sept. 25	Providence Christian
Oct 2	Geneva County *
Oct. 9	at, Abbeville *
Oct. 16	at, Ariton *
Oct. 23	Houston County *

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Hicks Field
Mack Wood Field
Mack Wood Field
Yellowjacket Stadium
Zumstein Stadium
Mack Wood Field

(* Region Game)

Elba will kick off the season at home against the 3A Daleville Warhawks, a team that has been a regular on the Tigers' schedule since 2015. The Tigers own a 14-6 all-time record against Daleville, but the 'Hawks have won two of the last three meetings and last season posted a wild 38-28 win. Daleville has posted five straight winning seasons, posted a 7-4 record last season and averaged over 41 points per game.

August 28 – At, Opp

Elba will hit the road for a week #2 showdown against the 3A Opp Bobcats. It will mark the 85th meeting between the two longtime rivals in a series that began way back in 1923. The Tigers own a 40-44 all-time record in the series, but have won the last three meetings, including an exciting 36-34 victory last season. The Bobcats have struggled to three straight losing seasons and during that time have posted a combined record of 8-23.

September 4 – At, G.W. Long

Elba will swing into region play in the third week of the season when they travel to Skipperville to do battle with the G.W. Long Rebels. The meeting will be the only the sixth ever between the new region rivals, with the Tigers holding a slim 2-2 series edge, although the Rebels did snap a three-

game losing streak a year ago with a high scoring 46-35 win. The Rebels posted a 10-3 record last season after winning a total of just three games the previous two seasons.

September 11 – Zion Chapel

Elba will return home after a two-week road swing when they entertain the Zion Chapel Rebels in a renewal of a cross-county rivalry after a two-year absence. The Tigers boast a 10-0 record over their rivals and won the last meeting 62-0 in 2017. The Rebels continued their recent success last season and posted a 6-5 record and earned a spot in the 2A playoffs for the first time since 2011.

September 18 – At, Cottonwood

Elba will travel over to Houston County in week #5 for a region clash with the Cottonwood Bears. The Tigers own a 5-3 series record against the Bears, and will take the field against their new region rivals for the first time since 2011, which they won by the lopsided score of 69-15.

September 25 – Providence Christian

The Bears struggled to a 7-7 record last season and haven't posted a winning record since 2014.

Elba will host the Providence Christian Eagles for the first time ever. The Eagles have been a member of the Alabama High School Athletic Association since 2006, and over the past two seasons have developed into a 3A power in posting a stellar 22-4 record.

October 2 – Geneva County

Elba will return to the region wars for a week #7 when the Tigers tangle with the Ariton Purple Cats, for the first time since way back in 1930.

October 9 – At, Abbeville

The Tigers own a 2-0 series edge in the brief history between the two new region rivals and have won the two games by a combined score of 137-7.

October 16 – At, Ariton

The Purple Cats have won a total of 27 games over the last three seasons, posted an 8-3 record a year ago, and have earned a playoff berth four straight years.

October 23 – Houston County

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Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show bring over 100 vehicles to Elba

For car enthusiasts, Elba was the place to be Saturday, July 11, as the Spring Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show delivered 110 cars for folks to enjoy.

The event had been postponed twice this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but on July 11th all was go, and it was a day thoroughly enjoyed by many.

Below is a list of trophy winners from this year's event.

The Best in Show overall winner for the event was Frank Johnson with his 1955 Chevrolet Nomad. The runner up for Best in Show was Wayne Wadner with his 1940 Chevrolet Coupé.

Mayor's Choice winner was Gene Streetman with his 1971 C10.

The People's Choice winner was Edison and Petra Younger with their 1967 Mercury Cougar. Additional winners:

Cars 1900–1948

Top of Class - Wayne Wadner with the 1940 Chevy Coupe



THE BEST IN SHOW OVERALL WINNER for the 2020 Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show held Saturday, July 11, in Elba was Frank Johnson with his 1955 Chevrolet Nomad. Johnson is pictured here in front of his winning car with trophies from the event.

Runner Up - Runt Kennedy with a 1934 Buick Coupe

Placed - Dennis Sellers with a 1937 Chevy Coupe

Cars 1949–1959

Top of Class - Frank Johnson with a 1955 Chevy Nomad

Runner Up - Runt Kennedy with a 1955 Chevy BelAir

Placed - John Adkison with

a 1949 Chevy Styleline

Cars 1960–1970

Top of Class - Rusty King with a 1965 Ford Mustang

Runner Up - Troy Matthews with a 1969 Chevy Camaro

Placed - Petra Younger with a 1967 Cougar

Cars 1971–1991

Top of Class - Ruth Stokes

with a 1972 Chevy Nova

Runner Up - Jack Mace with a 1984 Chevy Monte Carlo

Placed - Whisnant Mustangs with a 1989 Ford Mustang

Cars 1992–2020

Top of Class - Steve Berlinsky with a 2019 Dodge Charger

Runner Up - Debbie McGough with a 1970 Dodge Dart

Other Muscle Cars

Top of Class - Rusty Stevens with a 1968 AMC AMX

Import Muscle Cars

Top of Class - Rick Lee with a 1972 VW Beetle

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Chevy ZR1 Corvette

Runner Up - Tim Muttersbaugh with a 2017 Chevy Corvette

Placed - David Dodd with a 2013 Chevy Corvette

GM Muscle Cars

Top of Class - Gail Reeves with a 1955 Chevy BelAir

Runner Up - Thomas Ray with a 1969 Chevy Camaro

Placed - Todd Saville with a 2002 Chevy Camaro

Ford Muscle Cars

Top of Class - Charles Hayes with a 1989 Mercedes

Placed - Kelley Flowers with a 1973 VW Beetle

Anything Goes

Top of Class - Don Eaton with a 1923 Ford T Bucket

Runner Up - Gregg Prettyman with a 2015 Harley Road King

Mild Trucks

Top of Class - Runt Kennedy with a 1974 Ford Bronco

Runner Up - Kevin Bryan with a 1969 Ford F-100

Placed - Eugene Biddle with a 1979 Jeep CJ7

Wild Trucks

Top of Class - Gene Streetman with a 1971 Chevy C10

Runner Up - Thomas Hardin with a 1983 Chevy C10

Placed - Carl Godwin with a 1941 Chevy Truck

Classic Trucks

Top of Class - Tracy Norsworthy with a 1968 Chevy C10

Runner Up - Wade Cook with a 1977 Jeep CJ7

Placed - Beverly McCall with a 1969 GMC

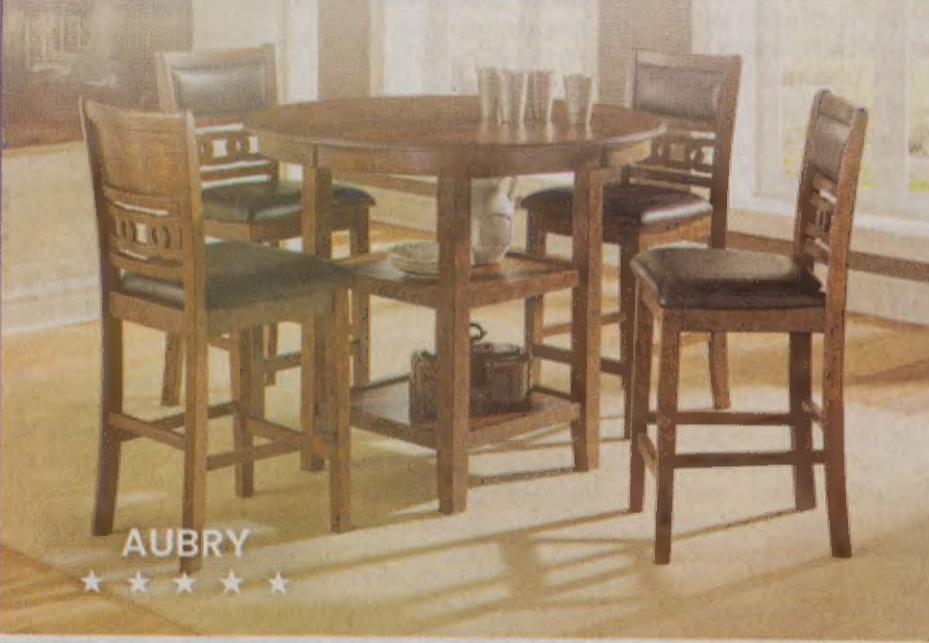


The People's Choice winner from the Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show held July 11th in Elba was this 1967 Mercury Cougar, owned by Edison and Petra Younger. It proved to be quite the attention-getter during the event, which featured a total of 110 cars.



Elba's Beverly McCall put 'ole Blue in the Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show held July 11th in Elba. The 1969 GMC classic truck earned a placement trophy for the Classic Trucks category. The truck was owned by Beverly's dad, Gus, then later by her brother, Herby. Beverly takes care of the family friend they loving call, Blue.

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